*The Glass Menagerie* Study Guide

The Glass Menagerie: Scene 1

1. Which character first steps on stage dressed as a merchant sailor and speaks directly to the

audience?

2. What story does Amanda love to tell?

3. What are Amanda and Laura doing when Tom enters the apartment?

4. The living room also serves as what for Laura?

5. For whom is Amanda waiting?

6. According to Laura, what does her mother think Laura will end up being?

7. According to the stage directions, how is eating indicated?

8. What is unique about the character of Tom's father?

9. What kind of world does the gentleman caller probably come from?

10. When Amanda was a young girl, what happened to her one Sunday afternoon at her home

in Blue Mountain, Mississippi?

11. What kind of play is The Glass Menagerie?

12. What is the time period of the play?

13. What expectations does Amanda have regarding Laura's future?

14. What is Amanda's reason for wanting Laura to stay fresh and pretty?

15. What does Amanda discuss at dinner that keeps Tom from enjoying the meal?

The Glass Menagerie: Scene 2

1. Who told Amanda that Laura stopped attending school?

2. When Laura told Jim she has pleurosis, what did he think she said?

3. What appears on the screen when Scene Two begins?

4. How long did Laura attend classes?

5. What happened to Laura when she took her first speed test?

6. Why didn't Amanda go to her D.A.R. meeting?

7. What does Laura have as entertainment that was left behind by her father?

8. What kind of collection does Laura have?

9. Who did Laura once have a crush on back in high school?

10. What had Laura been doing instead of going to school?

11. What is Laura supposed to be studying?

12. What does Amanda say Laura should do to compensate for her slight physical defect?

13. What type of school is Laura enrolled in?

14. Why does Laura stop attending school?

15. What is physically wrong with Laura?

The Glass Menagerie: Scenes 3-4

1. Amanda begs Tom to never become what?

2. By staying out late and depriving himself of sleep, Amanda believes Tom is risking what?

3. According to Tom, what is his life missing?

4. What is the fiasco in Scene 3?

5. The magician escaped from what?

6. At the beginning of Scene 4, what has Tom been doing when he returns home?

7. How does Tom feel about his job at the warehouse?

8. Amanda does what in order to financially help the family?

9. Who pays the rent for the family?

10. Amanda refuses to talk to Tom until he does what?

11. According to Tom, what did the magician do?

12. When Tom attempts to grab his coat, what falls to the floor and breaks?

13. What does Tom agree to do for Laura?

14. What does Tom give Laura?

15. Why is Tom angry with Amanda?

16. According to Tom, how does his job at the warehouse affect his dreams?

17. Tom says that if he were selfish he would have done what?

18. What does Amanda say every morning?

19. What similarity does Tom have with his father that worries Amanda?

20. What does Tom claim to be doing when he goes out at night?

21. What does Amanda think of Tom's library book?

22. Who does Tom sometimes envy?

23. Amanda becomes obsessed with what?

24. Why does Amanda think Tom has such a bad attitude?

25. What does Tom call his mother as he attempts to leave?

26. Amanda worries about Laura's inability to do what?

The Glass Menagerie: Scene 5

1. What does the gentleman caller study in night school?

2. When Amanda calls Laura out on the landing, what does she ask her to do?

3. Who does Tom address when he is alone on the fire escape?

4. Where does Tom go at the end of the scene?

5. What is the gentleman caller's occupation?

6. How does Amanda react knowing that a gentleman caller will be coming the next day?

7. What is the name of the gentleman caller?

8. What does Amanda do to Tom as she asks him about the gentleman caller?

9. Where do Tom and Amanda sit and talk?

10. What is across the alley from the Wingfields' home?

11. What exciting news does Tom share with Amanda as they talk?

12. What wish does Amanda make on the moon?

13. What important question does Amanda ask about the gentleman caller?

14. What word is not to be used to describe Laura?

15. Does Amanda think Jim will like Laura?

16. What would the young people do for entertainment when Tom was younger?

17. According to Tom, how would outsiders view Laura?

The Glass Menagerie: Scene 6

1. How does Laura feel in anticipation of the gentleman caller?

2. What dress does Amanda wear?

3. Where is Tom when the scene begins?

4. When Laura hears Jim's name, what does she realize about him?

5. How does Tom explain Laura's nervousness at answering the door?

6. To whom does Tom proudly say he is taking after?

7. What does Jim encourage Tom to do with him?

8. Did Tom and Jim know each other in high school?

9. What does Tom reveal to Jim about his future plans?

10. What information does Tom share at the beginning of the scene?

11. Who does Tom first address at the beginning of the scene?

12. How does Amanda prepare Laura for the gentleman caller?

13. What does Jim call Tom?

14. What does Jim believe is the only indicator of success?

15. Did Jim's future turn out as everyone expected?

16. Why doesn't Laura join the others for dinner?

17. Why does Jim have a nickname for Tom?

18. According to Amanda, what is the benefit of a woman's beauty?

The Glass Menagerie: Scene 7

1. In Tom's closing monologue, what is discovered about Tom's job?

2. Does Jim immediately remember Laura from high school?

3. Jim says that Laura needs more what?

4. What do Laura and Jim do?

5. When Jim asks Laura what she has done since high school, what does she say?

6. What has Laura kept from high school?

7. As Tom says goodbye to Laura, what is she doing?

8. What does Jim do with the play program?

9. After telling Laura that she is pretty, what do she and Jim do?

10. What happens when Jim and Laura bump the table?

11. What does Laura reveal to Jim regarding her brace?

12. To whom does Amanda ask to keep Laura company while she and Tom check on the

lights?

13. What does Laura give to Jim?

14. What can be heard from the dance hall?

15. What happens as Tom, Amanda, and Jim are eating?

16. Did Jim know that Tom had invited him over to meet Laura?

17. No matter where Tom goes, who can he never leave behind?

18. What is Laura's reaction to her broken unicorn?

19. What does Jim reveal about his high school girlfriend?

20. What does Tom see in his travels that reminds him of Laura?

21. Who has created the play?

22. What information does Jim reveal to Laura?

23. When Amanda finds out that Jim is engaged, what does she think Tom has done?

24. What does Amanda accuse Tom of being?

